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E.O. 12065: GDS 1/4/85 (HARRIS, F. ALLEN) OR-P
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SUBJECT: VATICAN CONCERNS ON HUMAN RIGHTS

1. JESUIT PRIEST FIORELLO CAVALLI, MEMBER OF THE PAPAL BEAGLE DELEGATION, CONTACTED PERMANENT ASSEMBLY VICE PRESIDENT EMILIO MIGNONE DECEMBER 28, 1978 TO REAFFIRM VATICAN'S INTEREST IN HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN ARGENTINA.

2. ACCORDING TO MIGNONE, CAVALLI'S PHONE CALL TO HIS RESIDENCE EARLY ON THE MORNING OF HIS DEPARTURE TO CHILE WAS A SURPRISE RESPONSE TO THE INFORMATION MIGNONE HAD EARLIER LEFT AT THE NUNCIATURA ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN ARGENTINA. (NOTE: MIGNONE MET CAVALLI IN ROME IN LATE 1978.)

3. MIGNONE REPORTED THAT CAVALLI STATED THAT THE PAPAL EMISSARIES WERE WELL AWARE OF THE SERIOUS HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEMS IN ARGENTINA AND CHILE AND PLANNED TO USE THEIR GOOD OFFICES ON THESE CENTRAL HUMANITARIAN ISSUES, IN ADDITION TO TRYING TO BRING THE NATIONS TOGETHER ON THE BEAGLE PROBLEMS.
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